

NRCS PRELIMINARY CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW WORKSHEET

This worksheet will be used with all NRCS technical or financial assisted activities, including conservation planning, RC&D, and Emergency Watershed Program actions, and as part of Environmental Evaluation procedure for all "undertakings". See national Cultural Resources Policy GM-420 part 401.02 for definition of "Undertaking". A copy of the front page of this worksheet must be submitted to the NRCS CRC within 14 days of completion for National Record Keeping purposes.

Landowner/RC&D Sponsor name(s) _____ Date ____/____/____

Road and Town Location _____

NRCS Planner _____ Office/County _____

Plan No., Tract No., or other file ID _____ Funding Source/Code: _____ Cost shared: _____

Architectural Resources: Architectural Resources are broadly defined as buildings, sites, objects and districts (see definition in Worksheet instructions. Are there architectural (Buildings, etc.) fifty (50) years or older within the area of potential effects that will be directly (modifications, repairs, etc.) or indirectly (within visual impact area) affected by the undertaking? YES ____ NO ____

If **NO**, then no further ARCHITECTURAL review is needed. If **YES**, complete and submit a Maine Historic Preservation Commission Historic Building/Structure Survey Form (*Street Address Only*) for each affected resource (A Photograph must be included), and a map depicting build/structure location and angle at which photographs were taken. Submit these forms and associated documentation to the NRCS CRC.

Do you want sensitivity analysis for multiple undertakings, or the entire farm or tract's? YES ____ NO ____
(If YES, specify: _____ and go on to No. 5; if NO go to No. 1).

1. Describe undertakings(s) and APE with practice codes, area, length and other activities that make up "Area of total Potential effect" _____
_____ Go to No. 2.

***AREA of APE in Acres (Round up to nearest ¼ acre):** _____

2. Conditions: is the entire area of potential effect (APE) on fill, or previously disturbed to a depth below any impact of potential undertaking? YES ____ NO ____ . If unknown, call NRCS-CRC (Cultural Resource Coordinator) **Note: Plow zone is exempt only when continuing previous tillage practices.**

If Yes, no further evaluation is needed. Describe how & why disturbed conditions and proceed with action:

if No, go to NUMBER 3.

3. Location, soils, geomorphological, and other considerations:

- a.** Is location of any undertaking within 150 feet of a coastal shoreline, river, potentially canoeable stream, lake, natural pond, spring, peat bog, marsh, old channel, terrace margin or floodplain?
YES ____ NO ____

If Yes, describe _____

If ocean, bay, or lower estuary, is the total APE only **150** feet or less landward from top of bank?
YES ____ NO ____

(If Yes, go to Coastal Supplement to Worksheet and contact the Cultural Resources Coordinator).

- b. Is soil at APE alluvial or derived from fine sand, sand, gravelly sand, or gravel? Confirm soils information onsite **not** from Soil Map. Exclude "extremely stony" "very poorly drained" soils and actual slopes over 10%. **Do Not exclude based on soil survey slope designation.**

YES _____ NO _____

3b. (continued) Describe general soil/topography from your site visit (Do **NOT** rely only on soils map)

Soil Survey Map Unit(s) **and** complete names: _____

- c. Is there evidence of stone or brick foundation, old stone wall, or dug well over **50 years old**, or unusual depression(s) or mound of soil or stone in the APE?

NO _____ YES _____ **If unsure, call NRCS CRC.**

If YES, describe _____

- d. Does landowner or others have knowledge of or suspect historic or prehistoric cultural material(s) found in the vicinity of the undertaking(s), i.e., same land form?

NO _____ YES _____ **If unsure, call NRCS CRC.**

If Yes, describe _____

If the answers to questions 3a-3d are all NO, then no further cultural resource evaluation is needed. Place this worksheet in case file or other plan documentation and proceed, being alert to potential discovery during construction or other planning processes. SEND A PHOTOCOPY TO THE CRC FOR REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION OF UNDERTAKING.

If the answer to one or more questions 3a-3d is YES, and no non-ground-distributing alternative is practical, then complete the following information, provide listed attachments, and send copy of worksheet to the NRCS CRC for further review, evaluation, or investigation.

4. Approximate date first undertaking is planned _____

5. Provide legible copies of : USGS TOPO map(s) _____ Name of USGS Quad(s) _____
Soil Survey map(s) _____ Soil Survey Legend _____ Aerial photo(s) _____ or plan map(s) _____

Clearly show APE on each. Do not use red or yellow ink/pencil since these colors do not photocopy.

(Clearly, identify the APE(s) or area to be evaluated on each attachment, include COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION LIMITS, sources of gravel fill, access roads, etc). Call CRC if you have questions.

Provide any additional information or comments which will assist the CRC and specialists in determining scope and effect and if further cultural resource investigation is needed. ***Photos of area are helpful AND MAY BE REQUIRED AT A LATER DATE.***

Do you need a rush response? YES _____ NO _____ If YES, FAX # _____
or Mail to: _____

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Rec'd by CRC _____/_____/_____ CRC Action _____

Tribal Consultation: _____

Other "Interested Parties" notified: _____

To SHPO _____/_____/_____ Response _____/_____/_____ To F.O. _____/_____/_____